

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2007, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants elect, with traverse, claims 1-15 and the species identified as (a) H or acetyl, for prosecution in the above-identified application.

However, Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement as set forth below.

Applicant submits that each variable in the species chosen (*e.g.*, R, n, m subgroups, *etc.*), should not be examined separately from the rest of the variables in that species because the variable subgroups are not independent or distinct as they each define the same functional group identified in the chosen species. Regardless of which variable is specified for each subgroup, the resulting functional groups are each sufficiently related in structure and retain the same properties belonging to that family of compounds.

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of each species as defined by (a) through (i) each define the same essential characteristics of a single disclosed embodiment of the invention, and thus, restriction between the variables of each subgroup within each species should not be required. The subgroups within each species are not directed to distinct inventions, but rather they are different definitions of the same disclosed subject matter, varying in breadth or scope of definition, and thus, a restriction between the subgroups is improper. MPEP 806.03.

Accordingly, it is strenuously urged that the Restriction Requirement, as between the variable subgroups within each species, be withdrawn. Nevertheless, to the extent it is not, Applicant elects, with traverse, claims 1-15 and the species identified as (a) H or acetyl. The Applicant also reserves the right to later file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected/canceled claims.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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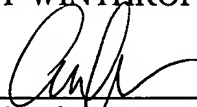
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The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment associated with this Response to Deposit Account No. 03-3975 (Attorney Ref. No. 69081-306235).

Respectfully submitted,

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